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FM USINT BAGHDAD
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6680
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AMEMBASSY CAIRO
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS
AMEMBASSY JIDDA
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

C O N F I D E N T I A L BAGHDAD 1807

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, PINS, IZ
SUBJECT: BOMB EXPLOSION

1. WHAT HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A LARGE BOMB EXPLODED IN
DOWNTOWN BAGHDAD THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 27. EXACT LOCATION
IS UNCLEAR, BUT IT WAS CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE BAGHDAD
HOTEL TO ENABLE PEOPLE THERE TO OBSERVE THE
NUMEROUS AMBULANCES THAT RESPONDED. THERE HAS,
OF COURSE, BEEN NO MENTION OF THE EXPLOSION IN THE MEDIA,
SO THE EXTENT OF DAMAGE/INJURY IS NOT KNOWN.

2. COMMENT: BOMBS EXPLODE IN BAGHDAD FROM TIME TO
TIME, SO THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE OBVIOUS LINK BETWEEN
THIS PARTICULAR ATTACK AND THE CURRENT STRUGGLE WITH
FATAH. NONETHELESS, THE CONNECTION WILL PROBABLY BE
MADE BY THE POPULACE, IF NOT THE LEADERSHIP, AND THERE
IS OF COURSE THE CHANCE THAT ONE EXISTS. ASSASSINATION
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RATHER THAN INDISCRIMINATE PUBLIC BOMBING IS WHAT
FATAH IS RUMORED TO HAVE THREATENED, HOWEVER, AND THAT
SEEMS A MORE LIKELY COURSE OF ANY IN-COUNTRY RETALIATION
AGAINST THE IRAQI REGIME.
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